

Walker family collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Crary, Genevieve Alden Walker, 1898-1988
Creator	Walker family
Creator	Walker, Francis, 1831-1914
Creator	Walker, John Mann, 1874-1960
Creator	Walker, Mary E. Graham, 1836-1919
Creator	Walker, Nora Severinghaus, 1873-1938
Title	Walker family collection
Date	1820-1988, undated
Extent	6.3 Cubic feet 10 manuscript boxes, 9 small oversize boxes
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Rev. Francis Walker was born October 23, 1831 in New Richmond, Clermont County, Ohio to James and Eleanor (Turner) Walker. He married Mary Elizabeth Graham (1838-1919), the daughter of Ferdinand and Abby Ayers Day Graham, on May 16, 1855 and they had 11 children: Herbert (1857-1923), Ferdinand (1859-1927), C. Nellie Adda (1860-1862), Ernest (1862-1916), Clarence (1865-1943), Abbie (1867-1918), Leland (1869-1870), Francis (1871-1921), John Mann (1874-1960), Earl (1876-1967), and Harriet (1880-1965). Walker joined the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1857 and soon after began his ministry at Paoli, Indiana. He later served congregations in Mitchell, Leesville, Brownstown, Newburg, Gentryville, Cannelton, Kinglsey, Evansville, Mt. Vernon, and Washington before settling in New Albany in 1874. After moving to New Albany, Walker became a business owner, operating a nursery and florist business with his son. He died on March 25, 1914.

Rev. Walker's son, Dr. John Mann Walker, was also a Methodist minister. He graduated from DePauw University and the Boston School of Theology. Walker taught at DePauw and at Maryville Seminary in Missouri and he was a Methodist Episcopal minister in the towns of Massachusetts (1903-1905), French Lick, Indiana (1905), Greencastle (1908-1910), Indianapolis (1910-1912), and New Albany (1912-1917), Indiana. Walker also served as superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Indiana at Connersville (ca. 1919-1926), Evansville (1926-1930), and Bloomington (1930-1938). He married Emma Nora Severinghouse (1873-1938) on October 5, 1904 and they had two daughters, Mary (1905-1983) and Louise (1911-2006). Walker died on January 1, 1960.

Genevieve "Gene" Alden Walker Crary was the daughter of Rev. Francis Walker's oldest son, Herbert. She was born January 31, 1898 to Herbert and his wife, Clara (1867-1955). A gifted artist, Gene Walker studied at the Pratt Institute, followed by study at the National Academy of Design and the studio of Jerry Farnsworth. She married Clare J. Crary (1879-1975) on June 30, 1943. Walker died on January 14, 1988.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

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"Gene Alden Walker Crary." *About the Crary Art Gallery*. Accessed December 13, 2016. <http://www.crarygallery.org>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, various documents, photographs, and memorabilia from the Walker family of New Albany, Indiana. The collection contains Francis Walker's Clermont (Ohio) Academy writings; his and his wife Mary's family correspondence (1851-1913); his correspondence from other Methodist ministers and DePauw University officials (1860s-1910); his and Mary's writings (1848-1901); and some letters and documents of his father, James Walker (1820-1837).

The bulk of the collection contains Dr. John Mann Walker's correspondence and documents, including letters to and from his parents and siblings (1893-1934), his fiancée and later, wife, Nora Severinghaus Walker (1894-1938), his daughters, Mary and Louise (1923-1941), and friends and professional associates (1895-1946). The collection also contains Dr. Walker's sermons, prayers and essays (1907-1942); one of his journals (1915); a book of testimonials written by the Bloomington District churches upon his retirement in 1938; his autobiographical writings (ca. 1945-1948); and his poems and hymns (1927-1952).

The collection also contains correspondence, documents, and news clippings of Earl Walker, Ferdinand G. Walker, Francis I. Walker, Herbert G. and Clare Walker, Harriet Walker, and Gene Alden Walker Crary (1873-1988), as well as family photographs, memorabilia, and genealogy documents (ca. 1820-1981).

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Walker family correspondence and documents, 1820-1988, undated

Series 2: Walker family photographs, circa 1850s-1962, undated

Series 3: Walker family realia, circa 1835-1903, undated

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as donations from Louise Walker in 1985, 1986 and 1988.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Clermont Academy (Clermontville, Ohio).
- Methodist Episcopal Church. Indiana Conference.
- Methodist Episcopal Church.

Family Name(s)

- Walker family

Genre(s)

- Calendars
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Documents
- Essays
- Jewelry
- Manuscripts
- Negatives
- Pamphlets
- Pencil drawings
- Photographs
- Receipts (Acknowledgements)
- Sermons
- Speeches, addresses, etc.
- Textiles

Geographic Name(s)

- Bloomington (Ind.)
- Evansville (Ind.)
- Louisville (Ky.)
- New Albany (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Crary, Genevieve Alden Walker, 1898-1988
- Walker, Francis, 1831-1914
- Walker, John Mann, 1874-1960
- Walker, Mary E. Graham, 1836-1919
- Walker, Nora Severinghaus, 1873-1938

Subject(s)

- Art
- Artists
- Artists--Indiana

- Arts
- Authors and publishers
- Authors--Indiana
- Autobiographies--Indiana
- Autobiography
- Baskets
- Biography
- Biography--Indiana
- Business cards
- Clergy--Family relationships
- Clergy--Indiana
- Clothing and dress
- Drawing
- Exhibition catalogs
- Family
- Family history
- Family life
- Funeral sermons
- Indiana--Poetry
- Methodist church buildings
- Methodist preaching
- Methodists
- Newspaper articles
- Paintings--American
- Poetry
- Postcards
- Temperance
- Temperance--Indiana
- Theological seminaries
- Wallets
- Women artists

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Walker family correspondence and documents, 1820-1988, undated		
	Box	Folder
James Walker wallet and contents, 1820-1837	1	1
James Walker letter and document, 1835-1836	1	2
Francis Walker Clermont Academy papers, 1848-1852, undated	1	3
Francis Walker wallet and contents, 1848-1876	1	4
Correspondence to and from Francis Walker, 1851-1913	1	5
Correspondence to John Mann and Nora Walker from Francis Walker, 1901-1912	1	6
Francis Walker pastoral writings, 1858-1873	1	7
Francis Walker temperance writings and clippings, 1889 and undated	1	8
Francis Walker poetry & essays, 1893-1901, undated	1	9
Francis Walker sermons and essays, undated	1	10

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Francis Walker autobiography, 1899/07/30	1	11
Francis Walker obituary, circa 1914/03/25	1	12
Kingsley Methodist Church (Evansville, Indiana) financial documents, 1870	1	13
Mary Graham Walker correspondence to family, 1859-1868	2	1
Mary Graham Walker correspondence to family, 1869-1898	2	2
Mary Graham Walker correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1895-1902	2	3
Mary Graham Walker correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1903	2	4
Mary Graham Walker correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1904	2	5
Mary Graham Walker correspondence to John Mann and Nora Walker, 1905-1907	2	6
Mary Graham Walker correspondence to John Mann and Nora Walker, 1908-1911	2	7
Correspondence to Mary Graham Walker, 1862-1888	2	8
Correspondence to Francis and Mary Graham Walker from Earl and Ferdinand Walker, 1886-1912	2	9

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Mary Graham Walker writings, obituary, and estate document, 1919-1921, undated	2	10
Minutes of the 89th session, Indiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church with Mary Graham Walker obituary, 1920/09	2	11
John Mann Walker correspondence to family, 1893-1894	3	1
John Mann Walker correspondence to family, 1895-1897	3	2
John Mann Walker correspondence to family, 1899-1904	3	3
John Mann Walker correspondence to family, 1907-1918	3	4
John Mann Walker correspondence to Nora Severinghaus Walker, 1903-1910	3	5
John Mann Walker correspondence to Nora Severinghaus Walker, 1911-1912	3	6
John Mann Walker correspondence to Nora Severinghaus Walker, 1916-1921	3	7
John Mann Walker correspondence to Nora, Mary, and Louise Walker, 1926-1938	3	8
John Mann Walker correspondence to Louise Walker, 1939-1941	3	9

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John Mann Walker recommendation letters, 1896-1905	3	10
Correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1895-1901	4	1
Correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1902	4	2
Correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1903-1904	4	3
Correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1905-1918	4	4
Correspondence to John Mann and Nora Walker, 1905-1927	4	5
Correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1919-1946	4	6
Correspondence to John Mann Walker from Abbie Walker and Clarence Walker, 1905-1918	4	7
Correspondence to John Mann Walker from Earl Walker, 1900-1934	4	8
Correspondence to John Mann and Nora Walker from Ernest and Mary Walker, 1904-1917	4	9
Correspondence to John Mann Walker from Ferdinand G. Walker, 1902-1920	4	10
Correspondence to John Mann Walker from Francis I. Walker, 1903-1920	4	11
Correspondence to John Mann Walker from Hattie Walker, 1903-1934	4	12

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Letter to John Mann Walker from daughter, Mary Walker, 1915/06/23	4	13
Letter to John Mann Walker with Confederate currency, 1920/05/02	4	14
Correspondence to Nora Severinghaus from family, 1898-1903	5	1
Correspondence to Nora Severinghaus Walker from family, 1905-1927, undated	5	2
Correspondence to Nora Severinghaus Walker, 1893-1919	5	3
Nora Severinghaus correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1894-1903	5	4
Nora Severinghaus correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1904	5	5
Nora Severinghaus Walker correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1905	5	6
Nora Severinghaus Walker correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1906-1908	5	7
Nora Severinghaus Walker correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1910-1912	5	8
Nora Severinghaus Walker correspondence to John Mann Walker, 1918-1924	5	9
Nora Severinghaus Walker correspondence to John Mann, Mary, and Louise Walker, 1927-1938	5	10

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Nora Severinghaus Walker miscellaneous documents, 1897-1931	5	11
Nora Severinghaus Walker funeral message, circa 1938/07	5	12
John Mann Walker <i>Indiana Preacher</i> manuscript (folder 1 of 7), circa 1945-1948	6	1
John Mann Walker <i>Indiana Preacher</i> manuscript (folder 2 of 7), circa 1945-1948	6	2
John Mann Walker <i>Indiana Preacher</i> manuscript (folder 3 of 7), circa 1945-1948	6	3
John Mann Walker <i>Indiana Preacher</i> manuscript (folder 4 of 7), circa 1945-1948	6	4
John Mann Walker <i>Indiana Preacher</i> manuscript (folder 5 of 7), circa 1945-1948	6	5
John Mann Walker <i>Indiana Preacher</i> manuscript (folder 6 of 7), circa 1945-1948	6	6
John Mann Walker <i>Indiana Preacher</i> manuscript (folder 7 of 7), circa 1945-1948	6	7
John Mann Walker memoir of his boyhood, undated	6	8
John Mann Walker poems and hymns, 1927-1952	6	9

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John Mann Walker poems and hymns, undated	6	10
John Mann Walker diary, 1915	7	1
John Mann Walker Indiana Conference cabinet address, 1936/09/17	7	2
John Mann Walker bound volume of appreciation letters, 1938	7	3
John Mann Walker retirement correspondence, news clipping and documents, 1946/05	7	4
John Mann Walker sermons, 1907-1920	7	5
John Mann Walker sermons, prayers, and essays, 1942/06/17, undated	7	6
John Mann Walker sermons, undated	7	7
John Mann and Nora Severinghaus Walker miscellaneous documents, 1891-1923, undated	7	7
John Mann Walker letter, news clippings, and obituary, 1902-1960	7	9
Earl Walker correspondence and documents, 1900-1958, undated	7	10
Ferdinand G. Walker documents, art exhibit brochures, news clippings, and artwork photographs, 1884-1979, undated	7	11
Francis I. Walker correspondence to family, 1894-1903	7	12

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Herbert G. Walker correspondence to family and news clipping, 1873-1910	7	13
Correspondence to Harriet (Hattie) Walker, 1901-1965	8	1
Hattie Walker correspondence to family and New Albany and Indiana pamphlets, 1958-1960	8	2
Mrs. H.G. Walker receipts and correspondence, 1943-1950	8	3
Correspondence to Mrs. H.G. Walker from daughters, 1944-1950	8	4
Walker family miscellaneous documents, 1938-1976	8	5
Genevieve A. Walker documents, 1909-1943	8	6
Genevieve (Gene) A. Walker correspondence to family, 1905-1920, undated	8	7
Correspondence to Gene A. Walker, 1922-1965	8	8
Correspondence to Gene A. Walker, 1906-1921	8	9
Correspondence to Gene A. Walker Crary from family, 1948-1960	8	10
Correspondence to Gene A. Walker Crary from family, 1961-1978	8	11

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Clare J. and Gene A. Walker Crary travel correspondence to family and friends, 1947-1950	8	12
Gene A. Walker Crary clippings, 1943-1955, undated	8	13
<i>Art Digest</i> magazine with Gene Alder Walker article, 1946/02/01	8	14
Clare J. Crary photograph exhibit brochures, 1948-1951	8	15
Gene A. Walker Crary obituary, memorial service program, and letter, 1988	8	16
Ferdinand Graham Wesley Chapel "Love Feast" ticket, circa 1830s	9	1
Graham family genealogy documents, 1908/12/18, undated	9	2
Graham & Alden Byram Ayers genealogy documents written by Mary Graham Walker, undated	9	3
Charles H. Ayers "Ancestors of Silas Ayers and Mary Byram Ayers" and news clippings, 1905-1957	9	4
Charles S. Walker "Sarah Swan: A Woman's Work in the Winning of the West" manuscript, undated	9	5
Walker family genealogy correspondence and documents, 1925-1981, undated	9	6

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Walker family genealogy correspondence to Harriet D. Walker and documents, undated	9	7
Walker family correspondence and obituaries, 1899-1955	9	8
Walker family news clippings, 1912-1966	9	9
Miscellaneous news clippings, circa 1901-1964, undated	9	10
Miscellaneous Louisville, Kentucky business cards, undated	9	11
Dr. Edward Pinkney Wroth news clippings, 1943/06	9	12
<i>Western Christian Advocate</i> newspaper, 1836/07/22 & 1864/06/01	9	13
<i>Louisville Courier-Journal</i> "Marse Henry Edition", 1919/03/02	9	14
George W. Gray's "Anxiety and Illness" condensed copy, circa 1939	9	15
German Advent calendar, circa 1953	9	16

Series 2: Walker family photographs and artwork, circa 1850s-1962, undated

	Box	Folder
Francis and Mary Graham Walker photographs, 1872-1909, undated	10	1
Walker siblings photographs, 1877-1957, undated	10	2

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Walker family group photographs, 1898-1920	10	3
Harriet D. Walker photographs, 1892-1903, undated	10	4
Unidentified Walker family photographs, 1871-1962, undated	10	5
Gene A. Walker photographs of friends, 1911-1912	10	6
Kingsley, Genevieve (Gene) and Eunice Walker photographs, 1895-circa 1920	10	7
Gene and Eunice Walker (?) photographs, undated	10	8
Postcards sent by Gene A. Walker Crary to family, 1936-1950, undated	10	9
Photographs of Gene Alden Walker paintings, undated	10	10
Graham family photographs, 1920/02/14, undated	10	11
Walker grandchildren photographs, 1939-1962, undated	10	12
School class photographs, undated	10	13
Charles Swan Walker photograph with biographical information, undated	10	14
Photographs and pencil drawing of Walker family homes, 1908-1942, undated	10	15

Walker family photographs

Negatives of unknown subjects, undated	10	16
	Box	Object
Mary Graham Walker photo album, circa 1850s	11	1
Eleanor Walker daguerreotype photograph, circa 1857	11	2
Francis Walker's daguerreotype photograph of barn, undated	11	3
Aaron Walker daguerreotype photograph, undated	12	1
Aaron Walker daguerreotype photograph, undated	12	2
Mrs. A.P. Walker daguerreotype photograph, undated	12	3
Mrs. A.P. Walker daguerreotype photograph, undated	12	4
Herbert G. Walker daguerreotype photograph, 1857	12	5
Herbert G. Walker daguerreotype photograph, circa 1860	12	6
Herbert G. Walker daguerreotype photograph, circa 1860	12	7
Herbert G. Walker daguerreotype photograph, circa 1861	12	8
Ferdinand Graham Walker painting (8x6 inches), undated	13	1
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Series 3: Walker family realia, circa 1835-1903, undated

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	Box	Object
Abbie Ayers Day Graham embroidered cape, circa 1835	14	1
Ferdinand Graham white stock (man's collar), circa 1835	14	2
Walker family baby clothes, undated	14	3
Mary Graham Walker coral necklace, circa 1836	15	1
Mary Graham Walker knitted basket, circa 1849	15	2
Walker family black lace shawl, before 1864	15	3
Abbie E. Walker lace from commencement dress, undated	16	1
Abbie E. Walker liberty head dime bangle, undated	16	2
Eleanor Turner Walker hussack (cloth receptacle) with contents, undated	16	3
Mary Ann Ayers Lapsley lace cap, undated	16	4
Walker family lace baby bonnet, undated	16	5
Mary E Graham sampler, circa 1840s	17	1

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Jean S. Remy "A Collection of Rare Samplers" from <i>The Delineator</i> magazine, 1903/09	17	2
Two Native American arrowheads, undated	17	3
Sallie Ayers paper box, undated	18	1
Mary Graham Walker "Cabaugh" (Cabas) case, circa 1856	19	1